

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 6-11 were pending and under consideration, claims 1, 2, 5 and 12-13 having been cancelled.

In the non-final Office Action of August 31, 2006, claims 3, 4 and 8 were allowed. Claims 6 and 7 were only objected to due to inadvertent errors. Claims 9-11 were rejected on prior art grounds.

In response, and without conceding the correctness of the prior art rejections, claims 6 and 7 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to correct the inadvertent errors. Claims 9-11 have been cancelled. Accordingly, only allowed and allowable claims 3, 4 and 6-8 remain.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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